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MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF, EDITORIAL DIVISION
CHIEF, FIELD DIVISION
CHIEF, SPECIAL REPORTS DIVISION

FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF, FBI

SUBJECT: WORLD-WIDE FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTING

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Starting as early as possible it is contemplated that the Chief of the Field Division, Chief of the Editorial Division, and Chief of the Special Reports Division, utilizing personnel within their Divisions at their own discretion, will complete a study of the world-wide foreign radio broadcasting and make recommendations as to what FBI might do to increase its value as an intelligence collecting agency.

The points listed below have occurred to me as those which this study should encompass:

1. Where are the foreign radio broadcasting stations?
2. What is their range?
3. When do they broadcast and to what areas or population and in what languages, etc.?
4. What do they broadcast?
5. What are the transmitter's characteristics? Are they controlled or uncontrolled, right, left, etc.?
6. Based upon the answers to the above questions, what should FBI do to insure maximum interception of important intelligence information and maximum exploitation of the material intercepted?
7. Is FBI properly disposed and staffed to do its job?

You are requested to study these points and to make notations of any additional ones that you think should be covered and be prepared to present your ideas as to the proper approach to this study at a conference with me on or about September 17, 1947.

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Deputy Chief, FBI

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